# Sparks from Fr. Mark

This past Tuesday evening we celebrated as a Diocese the Chrism Mass in which, Bishop Cupich consecrated the oils that will be used this coming year in our parishes for baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, anointing of the sick, and consecration of altars. On Holy Thursday in our parish the Oils of the Infirmed, the Oil of the Catechumen and the Sacred Chrism will be part of the procession during the preparation of the Altar and Gifts.

The Chrism Mass is also the time in which the priests of the diocese renew their priestly vows. I always enjoy this part of the Chrism Mass too, as I recommit my life to Christ, the Church and the people I am called to pastor and serve. In this Year of the Priest, we are called to pray for priests in a special way. As we enter into the holiest days of the church year named Triduum—(the three days) I would ask for your prayers, in particular that I may always be faithful to the renewal of the promises that I made again this past Tuesday at the Chrism Mass.

Here are the prayers for the Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service. Again, please pray for me as your pastor that I might always live up to my calling as Priest of Jesus Christ.

**Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**

Questions asked to the priests at Chrism Mass by Bishop Cupich.

Bishop Cupich: My brothers, today we celebrate the memory of the first Eucharist, in which our Lord Jesus Christ shared with His apostles and with us His call priestly service of His Church. Now, in the presence of your bishop and God's holy people, are you ready to renew your own dedication to Christ as priests of His new covenant?

At your ordination, you accepted the responsibilities of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ, and try to become more like Him by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring His peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

Are you resolved to be faithful ministers of the mysteries of God to celebrate the Eucharist and the other liturgical services with sincere devotion? Are you resolved to imitate Jesus Christ, the head shepherd of the Church, by teaching the Christian faith without profit solely for the well being of the people you were sent to serve?

My brothers and sisters pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of His love, to help them be faithful ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they will be able to lead you to Him, the fountain of your salvation.

Fr. Mark

Growing and celebrating through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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### Liturgy and Prayer

**Sunday Liturgy:** Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
**Daily Liturgy:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
**Eucharistic Adoration:**
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

### Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

### Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

# This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

## Monday, March 22
*Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; John 8:12-20 (violet)*
**8:00 am: Daily Liturgy** (Intention: For the Repose of Gene Kraft)
3:00 pm: OLBH Blood Drive
4:30 pm: Lumko Group
7:00 pm: Lenten Communal Penance Service – Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City

## Tuesday, March 23
*Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30 (violet)*
**8:00 am: Daily Liturgy** (Intention: For Repose of Lawrence Englehardt)
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
7:00 pm: Lenten Communal Penance Service – St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis
7:00 pm: Break Open the Word with Fr. Mark

## Wednesday, March 24
*Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42 (violet)*
**8:00 am: Daily Liturgy** (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
8:30 am – 6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation from 5:30 – 6:30 pm
9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry
6:30 pm: Confirmation Class
6:30 pm: Gatherings of Grace Core Team Meeting
7:00 pm: First Eucharist Student & Parent Meeting
7:00 pm: Lenten Communal Penance Service – St. Isaac Jogues in Rapid City

## Thursday, March 25
*Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*
*Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (white)*
**8:00 am: Daily Liturgy** (Intention: Improved health of Keith Robison)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck & General Meeting
7:00 pm: Lenten Communal Penance Service – St. Joseph's in Spearfish

## Friday, March 26
*Day of Abstinence*
*Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42 (violet)*
5:30 – 7:00 pm: Lenten Fish Fry
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – Lead by the Confirmation Students
7:30 pm: Seeing Easter – Parish Lenten Retreat with Barbara Sutten

## Saturday Morning, March 27
*Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12, 13; John 11:45-57 (violet)*
8:00 am: Seeing Easter – Parish Lenten Retreat with Barbara Sutten – lunch is included
9:00 am: Lumko Group
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
**3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Saturday Evening, March 27
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*
*Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14--23:56 (red)*
**5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy** (Intention: For the improved health of George Joseph Ceremuga) (Intention: For Protection of Nathan Stewart and all those in military serving in Afghanistan)

## Sunday, March 28
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*
*Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (violet)*
**9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy** (Intention: For the Repose of Lorraine DeVille)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour – Hosted by Ken & Kathy Van Asma
10:30 am: RCIA
12:00 Noon: Diocesan Palm Sunday Brunch - Ramkota
4:00 pm: SPROUTS, Edge, Life Teen & Adult Life
**6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy** (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)
7:00 pm: Lenten Film Festival – ***The Passion of the Christ*** & ***The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian***

## Intercessory Prayers
**Life and Health Concerns:**
Dan Christ, Stuart & Juli Mendenhall, Don Padget, Mary Policky, Nancy Sass, Kara Schroeder, George Senn & Whitney Werdel

**Repose:**
Wanda Clemens, Thomas Douglas, Lidya Grace Mendenhall, & Mel Visger

## Collection Report
**March 13th & 14th**

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| Loose | $1454.07 |
| Envelopes | 1974.00 |
| Votive | 15.00 |
| Student | 107.75 |
| Adopt a Seminarian | 115.00 |
| Fish Fry | 503.14 |
| Other | 40.00 |
| **Total** | **$4208.96** |

## *Ministry Schedule*

| **Palm Sunday March 27 & 28** | **5:00 pm** | **9:00 am** | **6:00 pm** |
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| **Bread Baker** | Cecilia Keller | | |
| **Altar Servers** | Jessica Schacher*<br>Kimberly Schacher<br>Michael Linde<br>Matthew Linde<br>Jessie Gray<br>Dawson Rhodes | Chris Van Asma*<br>Matthew Van Asma<br>Christian Weaver<br>Andrew Corbine<br>Rachel Varilek<br>Savannah Inman | Megan Czmowski*<br>Kevin Chamberlain<br>Taylor Thies<br>Curt Mahaffy<br>Adam Jerzak<br>Jessie Gray |
| **Precious Body - Precious Blood** | **Christine Didriksen**<br>Stephanie Strand<br>Jim Hoag<br>Brenda Jacobs<br>Dennis Fischer | **Gary Erickson**<br>Donna Boner<br>Sharon Long<br>Barb Erickson<br>Beth Anne Ferley | **Phillip Thompson**<br>Lorinda Collings<br>Joni Osnes<br>Jim McCormick<br>Denise McCormick |
| **Lectors** | Pete Linde<br>Judy Wilson<br>David Strand<br>Kathleen Amiotte | Pamela Weaver<br>Laura Varilek<br>Marty Quinn<br>Jean Schubauer | Thomas Jerzak<br>Chad Thies<br>Tom Collings<br>Cathleen Denekamp |
| **Sacristans** | Joe Schacher<br>Linda Schacher | Bob Weaver | Brad McCaskell<br>Tanya McCaskell |
| **Ushers** | Diane Norman<br>Joe Norman | Stan Barber<br>Mike Keller | Aaron Thies<br>Aaron Denekamp |
| **Choir** | OLBH Choir | Regina's Minstrels | Covenant Band |

*We can best get justice by doing justice.* ~ Theodore Roosevelt

# OLBH Parish News

## Easter Flowers

Donations of Easter Lilies, colorful spring flowers or money toward the purchase of flowers for Easter will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate in memory of someone, please note that on the item or money donated, or let a member of the staff know. Please have all donations here by Holy Saturday, April 3rd. All flowers can be left in the library. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Easter!

## We Need Help - Sunday Meals

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Sunday night meals. We provide the menu and the food--your responsibility includes food preparation, serving and clean up. We would like to have 2 families or at the minimum 4 people each Sunday. There are only a few dates left. Please sign up in the gathering area or contact Jenny Scherr or Teresa Thompson @ 787-5168.

## New OLBH Online Forum!!!

Next time you are online, check out the new forum at http://olbh.org/forum or look for the link on the OLBH website. The primary purpose of this site is to have a place to discuss your thoughts and opinions about the various faith formation and community activities at the church. For instance, if you were touched by something at a Gatherings of Grace event, you can post your experience. Or perhaps you need another parent's advice about how to answer your child's questions about the Eucharist. The site is still in its infancy, so register and check back often.

## Seeing Easter

Parish Lenten Retreat: March 26-27; Friday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. There is a widespread demand for spirituality in today's world. John Paul II called for Christian communities to become genuine "schools" of prayer. Lent provides the space for Christians and catechumens to pray fervently and to take stock of their lives. This retreat will prepare us for the Easter Triduum through the prayer form *visio divina*--a Latin term which means "divine seeing." Similar to the sixth century Benedictine practice of Bible reading called *lectio divina*, *visio divina* is a prayer practice that facilitates a revelation of God through the opened eye of one's heart. In this retreat, we will pray with and ignite your spiritual imagination with illuminations from The Saint John's Bible and other art forms.

## It's Back… It's Fun… It's for EVERYONE! Basket Auction and Dinner

**Save the Date: Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at 6:00 pm.**

This is a great time for the people of the parish to get together, have fun and support our youth and their activities! The Basket Auction & Dinners is an annual fundraiser hosted by the youth of OLBH who will be attending Steubenville and who will be going on a mission to St. Louise. The youth plan this event with the help of their parents and it is always a great time! We thank you for your prayers in making this a success and your support.

# For the Ride Home

*By Ted Bergh*

**Scripture**

- I will put my spirit in you that you may live, (Ezekiel 37:13,14)
- My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. (Psalm 130:6)
- the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life …(Romans 8:11)
- I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, (John 11:25)

**Reflection**

- Have you kept a night watch, waiting patiently for the dawn?
- Are you keeping watch (prayer, fasting from material satisfaction and serving others) and waiting for the Lord?
- What does it mean to die to the world (live in the world but not of the world) and live in the spirit of Christ?
- How is the Spirit changing your life?

It is evident that discipleship is a wide and flexible concept … by the tradition as embodying the ideals of the active and contemplative life. But notwithstanding all this variety, there is a proportionately common element, the norm of which is given in Christ. All are held to: 1.) self-abnegation, 2.) humble service, 3.) generosity towards the needy, and 4.) patience in adversity. … No follower of Christ must be so taken up with external activities as to forget the "one thing necessary" (Luke 10:42) namely, to be inwardly transformed by the knowledge and love Christ brings into the world.[1]

[1]Dulles, Avery Cardinal, *Models of the Church,* Image Books/Doubleday: New York, p. 205, 2002.

## From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

If it weren't for Project Rachel, I would still be crying, daily. My [abortion] Decision was the first thought that entered my head … in the morning. My Decision reminded me that although I could move through my daily routine, I was not allowed to enjoy funny movies or special moments with my family. My Decision would literally stop me mid-laughter. I did not deserve to laugh. … Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is something that I cannot put into words. I actually feel lighter. My shoulders are not hanging so low. The power of forgiveness is life altering.

A post-abortive woman helped by Project Rachel, USCCB Word of Life, March 2010, www.usccb.org

## Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

***Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.***

**Children:** In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

**Youth:** How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

**Adults:** In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

# Diocesan News

## Annual Cursillo Retreat

The first annual Cursillo Retreat will be held on Friday, March 26 thru Sunday noon, March 27 at Terra Santa (formerly St. Martins) at Rapid City. This retreat will be for all Cursillistas and their spouses in the diocese. The theme of the retreat will be "Are you prepared to follow Jesus to Calvary?" This retreat will be a time of reflection on several spiritual talks focusing on Jesus Christ's passion and death. There will be opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. A suggested donation of $30.00 for lodging & food. Assistance is available to those with limited resources. Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek will be assisting with directing the weekend retreat. For more info or to register, please call Charlie Rooks at 791-2407 or 787-3625, or email at charles_rooks@hotmail.com

## Women of Faith

We will also be making palm crosses for the hospitalized and home bound on March 24. No Women of Faith March 31.

## CSS PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH March 28th

Please join us on Sunday, March 28, 2010 for Catholic Social Services' Annual Palm Sunday Brunch scheduled from Noon until 2:00 pm at the Ramkota Convention Center in Rapid City. Doors open at 11:30 am. The Very Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. JCD, the President of The Catholic University of America, is our keynote speaker. Bishop Blasé Cupich will provide his introduction and Jim Kinyon, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services, will provide brief remarks. Area youth will share their talent with us while we enjoy a complimentary buffet brunch before the program begins. Please contact CSS at (605) 348-6086 or (800) 727-2401 to reserve your complimentary tickets to this event. You may also reserve tickets through css@rapidnet.com. You presence will be an honor.

## Level 2 Separated & Divorced Support Group

*Happiness Is an Inside Job*, begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. The eight-week non-denominational support group meets at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City. The group uses John Powell's book by the same name to help participants deepen their healing experience following a significant loss. Christian adults who are looking for peace, joy, and contentment in their lives are welcome to participate. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. The registration fee is $38.00. Need-based scholarships are available. To pre-register or for more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries 605-343-3541.

## Corner Stone Rescue Mission

Thank you to all who have helped in this ministry of serving meals to those at Corner Stone Rescue Mission. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call Estella Haakedahl at 721-9056

## Are you a divorced Catholic or know someone who is?

Have you ever wondered what a church annulment is? Most of us don't have questions about the annulment process until we go through a divorce or have someone close to us go through one. Some of the most common questions asked about annulments are: *How does an annulment affect the legitimacy of my children? Does a divorced non-Catholic need to get an annulment before marrying a Catholic? Do you have to wait for an annulment before getting remarried? What if I am already remarried?* All these questions and more will be answered at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.** Join Fr. Leo Hausmann and Fr. Dan Juelfs for an informational meeting on Catholic annulments at **Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD.** There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact Jill, Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541 or jslegner@diorc.org.

## First Eucharist Meeting for students & parents

There will be a First Eucharist meeting for students & parents on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm. The students will be practicing a song and actions for the First Communion Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Cathleen Denekamp at 787-6398.

## World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI, Madrid Spain

***August 9-22, 2011***. Cost: $2,100. Deposits of $250 and applications are now being accepted. This spiritual and rustic pilgrimage is open to those who are 18 by August 9, 2011 through 35 years of age. Space is limited to the first 40 accepted applicants. Travel through Burgos, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more. Contact Provatia Potvin 343-3541. Application and information is online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

## Steubenville 2010

July 16-18, Rochester, MN
High school youth and those entering into high school in the fall of 2010
Cost: $285 includes: conference, 2 t-shirts, hotel, bus & most meals.
Full & final payment is due April 20th along with forms and online registration that can be found on www.rapidcitydiocese.org
Please contact Teresa Thompson 787-5168.

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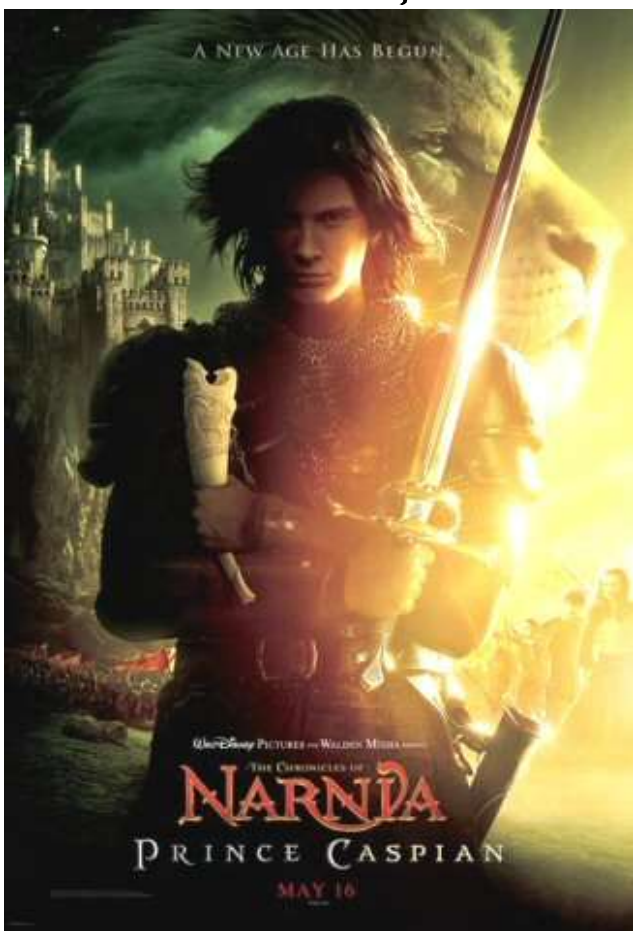
**CSS Welcomes Tracy Lehman, MS, LPC** Catholic Social Services (CSS) is proud to announce Tracy Lehman, MS, LPC, our newest Outpatient Therapist, is accepting appoints in the Northern Black Hills. Tracy has experience working with couples, families and individuals on a wide variety of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship conflicts, parenting, adolescent struggles and adjustments to life's difficulties. Catholic Social Services offers: Adoption Services, Counseling Services, Birth Parent Services, Educational Workshops, Lakota Circles of Hope, Marriage Matters, SMILE, Unplanned Pregnancy Services, and Youth Prevention Services. For more information or to schedule an appoint with Tracy, please contact the CSS office at 605-348-6086 or 1-800-727-2401.

# OLBH Lenten Film Festival

## Sunday, March 28th

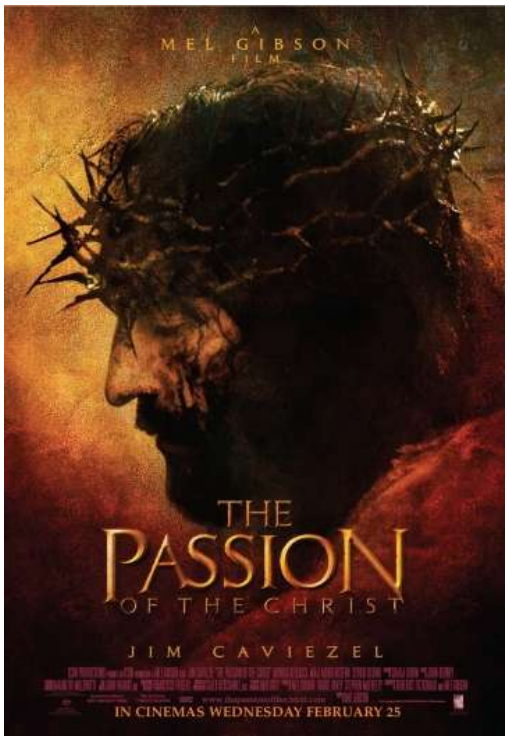
(following Stations of the Cross)

## *The Chronicles of Narnia ~ Prince Caspian*




Exciting and well-crafted if less emotionally absorbing follow-up to 2005's "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" has the Pevensie siblings (William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes and Georgie Henley) returning to Narnia to help the title character (Ben Barnes) stage a revolt against his evil uncle. The bellicose nature of the proceedings and uneven attempts by director and co-writer Andrew Adamson to inject humor and romance don't prevent this faithful adaptation of the second volume in C.S. Lewis' classic series from being salubrious entertainment. Battlefield violence and deadly hand-to-hand combat, an implied decapitation, a brawl involving schoolchildren, some intense scenes of child peril and several frightening sequences. **A-II -- adults and adolescents. (PG) 2008**

## *The Passion of the Christ*




Unflinching dramatization of the final agonizing hours of the earthly life of Jesus Christ (Jim Caviezel), from the Garden of Gethsemane to his crucifixion and resurrection, intercut with flashbacks to his childhood and public ministry. Although the film's brutality poignantly conveys the depth of Christ's love by showing him freely enduring such extreme agony for the redemption of all sinners, the graphic nature of the raw visuals is played to diminishing returns. Following the basic outline of the Gospel Passion narratives, director Mel Gibson embroiders his interpretive retelling of Scripture with extrabiblical sources as well as his own imagination, to craft an at times profoundly moving movie which succeeds in stripping Christ's sacrificial suffering of its Sunday school sugar-coating. While it is the film's assertion that responsibility for Christ's torture and death rests squarely with the Roman authorities, and away from the collective Jewish populace, the movie presents a historically skewed depiction of the Temple elite's sway with their imperial overlords. Subtitles. Gory scenes of torture and crucifixion, a suicide and some frightening images. **A-III -- adults.** (R) ***2004***